

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, which starts with "On the tip", with the following amended paragraph:

---On the tip of the movable gear 120, that is, on the tip end portion of the movable gear 120 where the hinge 122 is formed, there is a downward ~~refracted~~ deflected portion 124 (similar to 32c of Fig. 1). An extension portion 134 is also formed on the tip end portion of the lock slider, which is close to the downward ~~refracted~~ deflected portion 124.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 19, which starts with "At this time", with the following amended paragraph:

---At this time, the extension portion of the retreated lock slider 130 contacts with the downward ~~refracted~~ deflected portion 124. If the lock slider 130 keeps retreating or moving rearward, the downward ~~refracted~~ deflected portion 124 is pressed by the extension portion 134, and the rotational force or torque is applied to the movable gear 120 by the hinge 122 to a counterclockwise direction. As a result, one can easily disengage the movable gear 120 from the fixed gear 115 using a little force.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, which starts with "As shown in", with the following amended paragraph:

--- As shown in Fig. 9a, the operation lever 150 and the lock slider 130 are separated from each other, and, as shown in Fig. 9b, the operation lever 150 is placed on

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the guide groove 164 having the almost same width with the operation lever 150. In this case, if the operation lever 150 rotates counterclockwise, that is if the movable gear 120 is disengaged from the fixed gear, the lock slider 130 translated in the Y-direction, rotating with the operation lever 150.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 20, which starts with "Forming on the", with the following amended paragraph:

---Forming on the operation lever 150 the circular portion 162 with an almost same diameter with the guide groove ~~163~~ 164, it is possible to minimize the gap associated with the relative motion between the guide groove ~~165~~ 164 of the lock slider 130 and the operation lever 150, and prevent the lock slider 130 from fluctuating in the guide groove 164, and allow the lock slider 130 to be at appropriate position for the rotation of the operation lever 150.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 2, which starts with "The extension portion", with the following amended paragraph:

---The extension portion of the lock slider 130 pushes the downward ~~refracted~~ deflected portion 124 in the Y-direction so that the movable gear 120 can pivot counterclockwise upon the hinge 122.---